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Entitled: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR  
MONITORING THE MODIFICATION  
STATE OF A PAIR OF POLYPEPTIDES

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action, dated August 17, 2000, in the above-identified application.

Kindly consider the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims:

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for analyzing a sample comprising the steps of:

- a) providing a polypeptide pair comprising a first polypeptide and a [second] binding partner polypeptide capable of associating, wherein the association of the polypeptides is detectable, and covalent modification of at least one of the polypeptides results in modulation of the association;
- b) immobilizing the first polypeptide to a physical support;
- c) contacting the immobilized polypeptide with the second polypeptide[, and];